

# Division of Welfare

Analyst: Castro

## Historical Summary

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2007 Total App</b>	<b>FY 2007 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2008 Approp</b>	<b>FY 2009 Request</b>	<b>FY 2009 Gov Rec</b>
<b>BY PROGRAM</b>					
Self-Reliance Operations	55,977,100	55,380,900	62,503,600	67,413,100	68,291,200
Benefit Payments	78,381,000	74,067,300	78,331,000	78,209,800	77,234,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>134,358,100</b>	<b>129,448,200</b>	<b>140,834,600</b>	<b>145,622,900</b>	<b>145,525,200</b>
<b>BY FUND CATEGORY</b>					
General	39,506,500	37,987,400	43,190,100	45,107,600	45,179,700
Dedicated	2,719,500	2,163,400	2,703,200	2,538,400	2,524,400
Federal	92,132,100	89,297,400	94,941,300	97,976,900	97,821,100
<b>Total:</b>	<b>134,358,100</b>	<b>129,448,200</b>	<b>140,834,600</b>	<b>145,622,900</b>	<b>145,525,200</b>
Percent Change:		(3.7%)	8.8%	3.4%	3.3%
<b>BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE</b>					
Personnel Costs	31,902,400	32,333,600	33,661,800	34,786,100	35,895,000
Operating Expenditures	23,702,900	21,852,600	28,297,800	31,997,600	31,864,000
Capital Outlay	371,800	1,194,700	544,000	629,400	532,200
Trustee/Benefit	78,381,000	74,067,300	78,331,000	78,209,800	77,234,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>134,358,100</b>	<b>129,448,200</b>	<b>140,834,600</b>	<b>145,622,900</b>	<b>145,525,200</b>
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	623.56	637.69	614.69	617.69	617.69

## Division Description

The Division of Welfare administers Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI). This is a time-limited cash assistance and supportive services program with an emphasis on self-reliance and personal responsibility. Additional assistance provided by this program is the Idaho Child Care program, Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled, Food Stamps, Refugee Assistance and Medicaid eligibility. Also included is the administration of the Community Service Block Grant, Low Income Energy Assistance, Low Income Weatherization Assistance, Emergency Food Assistance and Telephone Assistance programs.

The Child Support program is responsible for establishing and enforcing child support orders and medical support orders, modifying child support orders to ensure that support awards remain comparable to changes in parental income, and collecting child support for TAFI cases, non-TAFI cases and foster care cases. These collections are passed on to custodial parents with non-TAFI cases and are used to reimburse the state and federal government for TAFI and foster care expenditures.

The Self-Reliance Operations Program is responsible for the eligibility work and support functions associated with Food Stamps, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Families, Medicaid, and child support.

The Benefit Payments Program is comprised of the direct funding of the benefits to and on behalf of clients.

# Self-Reliance Operations

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## Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
<b>FY 2008 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>614.69</b>	<b>24,092,600</b>	<b>62,503,600</b>	<b>614.69</b>	<b>24,092,600</b>	<b>62,503,600</b>
Reappropriation - EPICS Replacement	0.00	409,300	409,300	0.00	409,300	409,300
9. Department Personnel Costs Transfer	0.00	(420,300)	(420,300)	0.00	(420,300)	(420,300)
<b>FY 2008 Total Appropriation</b>	<b>614.69</b>	<b>24,081,600</b>	<b>62,492,600</b>	<b>614.69</b>	<b>24,081,600</b>	<b>62,492,600</b>
Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers	3.00	906,800	906,800	3.00	906,800	906,800
<b>FY 2008 Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>24,988,400</b>	<b>63,399,400</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>24,988,400</b>	<b>63,399,400</b>
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(6,594,000)	(11,738,600)	0.00	(6,594,000)	(11,738,600)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	(61,300)	0.00	0	(61,300)
<b>FY 2009 Base</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>18,394,400</b>	<b>51,599,500</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>18,394,400</b>	<b>51,599,500</b>
Benefit Costs	0.00	590,900	1,395,200	0.00	571,300	1,347,300
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	135,800	392,100	0.00	101,900	258,200
Replacement Items	0.00	163,700	289,400	0.00	109,800	192,200
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	8,500	29,400	0.00	8,500	29,400
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	119,800	289,200	0.00	599,000	1,446,000
<b>FY 2009 Program Maintenance</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>19,413,100</b>	<b>53,994,800</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>19,784,900</b>	<b>54,872,600</b>
1. EPICS Replacement Continuation	0.00	4,500,000	9,000,000	0.00	4,500,000	9,000,000
2. Child Support DRA Fee	0.00	399,700	567,000	0.00	400,000	567,300
3. Child Support ICSES Enhancements	0.00	1,309,400	3,851,300	0.00	1,309,400	3,851,300
<b>FY 2009 Total</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>25,622,200</b>	<b>67,413,100</b>	<b>617.69</b>	<b>25,994,300</b>	<b>68,291,200</b>
Change from Original Appropriation	3.00	1,529,600	4,909,500	3.00	1,901,700	5,787,600
% Change from Original Appropriation		6.3%	7.9%		7.9%	9.3%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>FY 2008 Original Appropriation</b>	614.69	24,092,600	2,391,900	36,019,100	62,503,600

## Reappropriation - EPICS Replacement

Replacement of the Eligibility Programs Integrated Computer System (EPICS) began in FY 2007 with a three-year timeline. The division was granted General Fund carryover authority in FY 2008 for the second year of the project. Total General Fund carryover is \$1,394,600, with \$409,300 coming from the Self-Reliance Operations budget and \$985,300 from the Benefits Payments budget. The division expects a 50% federal match rate for General Fund expenditures, bringing the total additional budget for FY 2008 to approximately \$2,789,200.

Agency Request	0.00	409,300	0	0	409,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	409,300	0	0	409,300

## 9. Department Personnel Costs Transfer

Transfers out \$420,300 in General Fund personnel costs from the Division of Welfare to other divisions within the department.

This request is to shift General Fund personnel funding from the following programs:

Physical Health: \$379,200

Labs: \$128,600

Self Reliance Operations: \$420,300

Child Welfare: \$982,700

TOTAL: \$1,910,800

The funding would be received by the following programs in personnel costs:

Childrens Mental Health: \$161,700

Community Mental Health: \$220,700

Community Developmental Disabilities: \$37,300

Indirect Support Services: \$1,145,500

Medicaid Administration & Medical Mgmt: \$276,400

State Hospital North: \$69,200

As of the end of the 1st quarter the department has projected the Child Welfare's transfer out will be reduced to \$907,400 and that Community Mental Health will only need \$145,400.

Agency Request	0.00	(420,300)	0	0	(420,300)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(420,300)	0	0	(420,300)

<b>FY 2008 Total Appropriation</b>					
Agency Request	614.69	24,081,600	2,391,900	36,019,100	62,492,600
Governor's Recommendation	614.69	24,081,600	2,391,900	36,019,100	62,492,600

## Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers

Transfers in three FTP and \$21,400 in personnel costs from the Division of Medicaid and transfers out \$99,900 in personnel costs to other divisions in the department for contributions made to fund Navigation.

Transfers in \$985,300 in General Fund carryover for the EPICS replacement project from the Benefit Payments budget to the Self-Reliance Operations budget. Transfers the carryover from the trustee/benefit payments expenditure object code to operating expenditures.

ANALYST COMMENT: Section 3 of the FY 2008 appropriation bill for the Division of Welfare (HB314) provided carryover authority from both the Self-Reliance Operations and Benefit Payments budgets to be used for EPICS replacement. The Benefit Payments budget is entirely allocated to the trustee/benefit payments expenditure object, whereas expenditures for EPICS replacement are made from the operating expenditures and capital outlay expenditure object codes. Therefore, a transfer from trustee/benefit payments to operating expenditures is required to carry-out the intent of Section 3 of the appropriation bill, although Section 4 of the bill prohibits the division from transferring funds budgeted in the trustee/benefit payments expenditure object code to any other objects within the program budget during FY 2008.

Agency Request	3.00	906,800	0	0	906,800
Governor's Recommendation	3.00	906,800	0	0	906,800

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>FY 2008 Estimated Expenditures</b>					
Agency Request	617.69	24,988,400	2,391,900	36,019,100	63,399,400
Governor's Recommendation	617.69	24,988,400	2,391,900	36,019,100	63,399,400

## Removal of One-Time Expenditures

Remove funding provided for one-time items.

Agency Request	0.00	(6,594,000)	0	(5,144,600)	(11,738,600)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(6,594,000)	0	(5,144,600)	(11,738,600)

## Base Adjustments

The division requests an ongoing reduction in dedicated funds spending authority to more accurately reflect projected receipts.

Agency Request	0.00	0	(61,300)	0	(61,300)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	(61,300)	0	(61,300)

<b>FY 2009 Base</b>					
Agency Request	617.69	18,394,400	2,330,600	30,874,500	51,599,500
Governor's Recommendation	617.69	18,394,400	2,330,600	30,874,500	51,599,500

## Benefit Costs

Reflects \$2,075 per position or a 29% increase in employer-paid health insurance premiums from \$7,125 to \$9,200 per year. This increase is artificially inflated since the rates have been frozen for the last two years, with increases being covered from reserves.

Agency Request	0.00	590,900	0	804,300	1,395,200
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The Governor recommends funding the employer increase in health insurance, and does not remove the funding for their PERSI rate increase that was included in the request. Recently, the PERSI Board voted not to increase the contribution rate for the upcoming fiscal year. In addition, for this agency the Governor recommends that the Division of Human Resources (DHR) fee be reduced by 35% for classified positions, from 0.615% of gross salary to 0.4%, because it has been granted delegated authority by DHR.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	571,300	0	776,000	1,347,300
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## Inflationary Adjustments

General inflationary increases include a 2.0% increase in computer services (\$103,300), a 5.0% increase in employee travel costs (\$22,800) and a 7.2% increase in fuel costs (\$7,800). Contractual inflationary increases include child support services such as receipt processing, mailing, and legal services (\$180,700), eligibility determination by Benewah Medical Center (\$1,800), computer system maintenance (\$43,900), quality assurance services (\$4,000), and rent (\$27,800).

Agency Request	0.00	135,800	16,400	239,900	392,100
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The Governor does not recommend funding for general inflation. Contractual increases of \$258,200 are recommended.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	101,900	0	156,300	258,200
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## Replacement Items

Replacement capital outlay includes 13 vehicles (ranging from \$16,200 to \$22,500 each/\$218,100 total), 31 modular desks (\$1,700 each/\$52,700 total), and 62 office chairs (\$300 each/\$18,600 total).

Agency Request	0.00	163,700	0	125,700	289,400
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The Governor recommends \$36,500 for 16 modular desks and 31 office chairs and \$155,700 for seven vehicles. Funding for vehicle replacement includes \$36,000 for a statewide vehicle fleet management initiative to convert as many vehicles as possible to hybrid or other fuel efficient/low emission vehicles.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	109,800	0	82,400	192,200
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## Statewide Cost Allocation

Provides for a \$29,400 increase in risk management costs.

Agency Request	0.00	8,500	0	20,900	29,400
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	8,500	0	20,900	29,400

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>Change in Employee Compensation</b>					
Agencies were instructed to input a CEC based on a 1% calculator.					
Agency Request	0.00	119,800	600	168,800	289,200
<i>The Governor recommends a compensation increase of 5% to be distributed based on merit.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	599,000	3,000	844,000	1,446,000

<b>FY 2009 Program Maintenance</b>					
Agency Request	617.69	19,413,100	2,347,600	32,234,100	53,994,800
Governor's Recommendation	617.69	19,784,900	2,333,600	32,754,100	54,872,600

## 1. EPICS Replacement Continuation

The division requests \$4,500,000 from the General Fund and \$4,500,000 in federal matching funds (one-time) for the third year of a three-year project to replace the Eligibility Programs Integrated Computer System (EPICS). EPICS has been used by the division for 20 years to determine client eligibility for programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, and cash assistance. The request includes \$8,700,000 in operating expenditures and \$300,000 in capital outlay. Project plans include developing new automation, integrating software solutions (both commercial off-the-shelf products and custom applications developed by other states), purchasing hardware and software for new system architecture, and developing modernized business process that take full advantage of automation.

Agency Request	0.00	4,500,000	0	4,500,000	9,000,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	4,500,000	0	4,500,000	9,000,000

## 2. Child Support DRA Fee

The division requests \$399,700 from the General Fund and \$167,300 in dedicated funds spending authority (ongoing) for collection of a child support fee required under the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA). The DRA requires that states collect \$25 annually for each child support case that receives \$500 or more in child support payments. Non-enforcement (receipting service only) cases, cases that have ever received cash assistance under a state or tribal IV-A program, and cases currently receiving food stamp services are excluded. States have the option of collecting the fee from custodial parents, non-custodial parents, or using state funds to pay the fee.

The division is seeking approval of a temporary rule to implement collection from the non-custodial parent (NCP). Based on prior year collections, approximately 34,400 cases will be subject to the fee. The division will only be able to collect from NCPs who are current on their child support payments and will either have to rely on voluntary payment of the \$25 or set up a separate wage withholding order to collect the fee. Should the rule pass, the division expects to collect the fee from 6,692 cases, for a total of \$167,300.

Under the federal matching formula for the child support program, the state will be required to remit 2/3 of the total liability for fee collections to the federal government. The balance of the amount due (\$16.50 times 34,400 cases, less \$167,300) is requested from the General Fund.

Agency Request	0.00	399,700	167,300	0	567,000
<i>The Governor recommends \$167,300 in dedicated funds receipt authority (ongoing) and \$400,000 in General Funds on a one-time basis.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	400,000	167,300	0	567,300

## 3. Child Support ICSES Enhancements

The division requests \$1,309,400 from the General Fund and \$2,541,900 in federal matching funds (one-time) for enhancements to the Idaho Child Support Enforcement System (ICSES). ICSES is the computer system used by self-reliance specialists for child support case management and enforcement. The request provides \$3,506,300 to contract for programming services, \$305,000 for software and licenses, and \$40,000 for computer servers. Enhancements include: developing interfaces with the Idaho courts, US Postal Service address changes, Department of Correction, cell phone company records, and medical insurance coverage records to provide data needed for enforcement; creating an online application for services; creating an employer portal; expanding client access to case information; and improving access to interstate case information.

Agency Request	0.00	1,309,400	0	2,541,900	3,851,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	1,309,400	0	2,541,900	3,851,300

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>FY 2009 Total</b>					
Agency Request	617.69	25,622,200	2,514,900	39,276,000	67,413,100
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>617.69</i>	<i>25,994,300</i>	<i>2,500,900</i>	<i>39,796,000</i>	<i>68,291,200</i>
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	3.00	1,529,600	123,000	3,256,900	4,909,500
% Change from Original App	0.5%	6.3%	5.1%	9.0%	7.9%
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>					
<i>Change from Original App</i>	<i>3.00</i>	<i>1,901,700</i>	<i>109,000</i>	<i>3,776,900</i>	<i>5,787,600</i>
<i>% Change from Original App</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>9.3%</i>

# Benefit Payments

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## Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
<b>FY 2008 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,097,500</b>	<b>78,331,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,097,500</b>	<b>78,331,000</b>
Reappropriation - EPICS Replacement	0.00	985,300	985,300	0.00	985,300	985,300
<b>FY 2008 Total Appropriation</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,082,800</b>	<b>79,316,300</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,082,800</b>	<b>79,316,300</b>
Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	(985,300)	(985,300)	0.00	(985,300)	(985,300)
<b>FY 2008 Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,097,500</b>	<b>78,331,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,097,500</b>	<b>78,331,000</b>
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	(1,787,800)	0.00	0	(1,787,800)
<b>FY 2009 Base</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,097,500</b>	<b>76,543,200</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,097,500</b>	<b>76,543,200</b>
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	306,100	1,551,300	0.00	6,100	575,500
FMAP Rate Change	0.00	24,200	0	0.00	24,200	0
<b>FY 2009 Program Maintenance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,427,800</b>	<b>78,094,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,127,800</b>	<b>77,118,700</b>
4. ICCP Rule & Policy Changes	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
5. JSAP Supportive Services Increase	0.00	57,600	115,300	0.00	57,600	115,300
<b>FY 2009 Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,485,400</b>	<b>78,209,800</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,185,400</b>	<b>77,234,000</b>
Change from Original Appropriation	0.00	387,900	(121,200)	0.00	87,900	(1,097,000)
% Change from Original Appropriation		2.0%	(0.2%)		0.5%	(1.4%)



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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>FY 2008 Original Appropriation</b>	0.00	19,097,500	311,300	58,922,200	78,331,000

## Reappropriation - EPICS Replacement

Replacement of the Eligibility Programs Integrated Computer System (EPICS) began in FY 2007 with a three-year timeline. The division was granted General Fund carryover authority in FY 2008 for the second year of the project. Total General Fund carryover is \$1,394,600, with \$409,300 coming from the Self-Reliance Operations budget and \$985,300 from the Benefits Payments budget. The division expects a 50% federal match rate for General Fund expenditures, bringing the total additional budget for FY 2008 to approximately \$2,789,200.

Agency Request	0.00	985,300	0	0	985,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	985,300	0	0	985,300

<b>FY 2008 Total Appropriation</b>					
Agency Request	0.00	20,082,800	311,300	58,922,200	79,316,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	20,082,800	311,300	58,922,200	79,316,300

## Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers

Transfers General Fund carryover for the EPICS replacement project from the Benefit Payments budget to the Self-Reliance Operations budget.

Agency Request	0.00	(985,300)	0	0	(985,300)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(985,300)	0	0	(985,300)

<b>FY 2008 Estimated Expenditures</b>					
Agency Request	0.00	19,097,500	311,300	58,922,200	78,331,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	19,097,500	311,300	58,922,200	78,331,000

## Base Adjustments

The division requests an ongoing reduction of \$287,800 in dedicated funds spending authority to more accurately reflect projected receipts and an ongoing reduction of \$1,500,000 in federal funds spending authority to remove TANF funds for the Head Start Program.

Agency Request	0.00	0	(287,800)	(1,500,000)	(1,787,800)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	(287,800)	(1,500,000)	(1,787,800)

<b>FY 2009 Base</b>					
Agency Request	0.00	19,097,500	23,500	57,422,200	76,543,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	19,097,500	23,500	57,422,200	76,543,200

## Inflationary Adjustments

General inflationary increases are calculated by subtracting one-time funding and statewide allocation plan costs from the base and applying a customized increase of 2% to all remaining trustee/benefit expenditures, for a total increase of \$975,800. Contractual inflationary increases include a 40% increase for University of Idaho Food and Nutrition services (\$210,400), a 3% increase for JSAP Work Service providers (\$12,200), a 3% increase for TAFI Work Contracts (\$183,000), and a 6% increase for University of Idaho Child Care Quality services (\$169,900), for a total increase of \$575,500.

Agency Request	0.00	306,100	0	1,245,200	1,551,300
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The Governor does not recommend funding for general inflation. Contractual increases of \$575,500 are recommended.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	6,100	0	569,400	575,500
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## FMAP Rate Change

Provides General Funds to replace federal funds due to a reduction in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 69.993% to 69.795%. The FMAP is used in determining the amount of federal matching funds for state expenditures for assistance payments for certain social services.

Agency Request	0.00	24,200	0	(24,200)	0
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FMAP adjustments are recommended as requested.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	24,200	0	(24,200)	0
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<b>FY 2009 Program Maintenance</b>					
Agency Request	0.00	19,427,800	23,500	58,643,200	78,094,500
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	19,127,800	23,500	57,967,400	77,118,700



# Benefit Payments

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
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## 4. ICCP Rule & Policy Changes

The Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) pays a portion of child care expenses for eligible families. Benefits paid directly to child care providers through the program are 100% federally funded. The division reports that the average number of children served per month by ICCP has decreased over the past three years, from 9,824 in state fiscal year 2005 to 8,049 in state fiscal year 2007, resulting in approximately \$3,300,000 in savings.

The division is proposing four ICCP rule changes that will provide additional cost savings:

- (1) Limit post-secondary students to using education as an eligible activity for 40 months (four academic years). Currently, education can be used as an eligibility activity for an unlimited amount of time. Estimated savings: \$454,000
- (2) Reduce the time period allowed for work search after an involuntary job loss from three months to four weeks. Estimated savings: \$1,375,000
- (3) Increase the co-pay for non-working, post-secondary students from 7% to 31% of child care costs. Estimated savings: \$650,000
- (4) Require cooperation with child support enforcement as a condition of eligibility. Both the food stamp and Medicaid programs require cooperation with child support, and the division claims that this requirement will reduce the potential for fraudulent use of child care assistance in instances where the non-custodial parent is residing in the home and contributes to the family income. Estimated savings: \$756,000

Savings from decreased caseload: \$3,300,000

Savings from rule changes: \$3,232,600

Total savings: \$6,532,600

The division is proposing two changes to ICCP that will increase costs:

- (1) Increase maximum allowable income from 80% to 135% of 2007 poverty limits. Eligibility limits were last increased in 1998. The division estimates that this will add between 450 to 2,000 children to the program and cost approximately \$4,700,000.
- (2) Increase reimbursement rates for ICCP providers to 2006 market rates. Rates were last increased in 2001. Estimated cost: \$1,800,000

Total increase in costs: \$6,532,600

ANALYST COMMENT: With the exception of changing provider market rates, all of these proposals are rule changes for which the division is seeking legislative approval through the germane committees. Because provider rates are set by department policy, rather than by rule, the division will have flexibility in how much rates are increased and how rate increases are targeted. The division plans to use this flexibility to ensure that program costs equal savings.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>The ICCP rule and policy changes are recommended as requested.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

# Benefit Payments

Analyst: Castro

Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>5. JSAP Supportive Services Increase</b>					
The division requests \$57,600 in General Funds and \$57,700 in federal funds to increase monthly support services for Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) participants from \$25 to \$50 per month. Certain food stamp recipients are required to participate in JSAP and the division estimates that 4,610 individuals will be eligible for JSAP in FY 2009. These individuals receive vouchers that they can use to offset costs when seeking employment, including transportation and clothing for interviews. The division states that the increase in monthly support services is needed to meet the rising cost of fuel and other transportation costs, such as bus passes.					
Agency Request	0.00	57,600	0	57,700	115,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	57,600	0	57,700	115,300
<b>FY 2009 Total</b>					
Agency Request	0.00	19,485,400	23,500	58,700,900	78,209,800
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	19,185,400	23,500	58,025,100	77,234,000
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.00	387,900	(287,800)	(221,300)	(121,200)
% Change from Original App		2.0%	(92.5%)	(0.4%)	(0.2%)
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	0.00	87,900	(287,800)	(897,100)	(1,097,000)
% Change from Original App		0.5%	(92.5%)	(1.5%)	(1.4%)